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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE

Project title and number:	Expansion and Improvement of the Bacteriological Institute (Supplementary Assistance) (CHI/71/550)
Executing Agency:	Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization PAHO/WHO
Government co-operating agency:	Bacteriological Institute of Chile
Date of approval:	November 1977
Starting date for project operations:	January 1974 (Including previous assistance)
Duration:	Four years and two months
Estimated value of Government inputs expressed in US dollars:	$711 500
Estimated UNDP additional contribution:	$350 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Contagious diseases in Chile are among the ten most important causes of illness and, in this group, chronic respiratory and gastrointestinal diseases are the most important. In order to alleviate the problems caused by these diseases, Chile has made an effort to strengthen its diagnostical services throughout the network of regional and local laboratories, by the provision of necessary equipment.

2. The Bacteriological Institute, which acts as counterpart to the project, is part of the Technical Department of the National Health Services and, as such, has the following main functions: production of antibiotics and chemical products, provision of diagnostical laboratory services, Government control of pharmaceutical and chemical products, food quality control, technical assistance, research and training.

3. In January 1972, UNDP approved assistance for the present project[1/] which had as its main objective the modernization and expansion of the National Bacteriological Institute. During its first years of operation the project contributed to: (a) introducing, increasing production and/or improving the quality of a series of pharmaceutical products; (b) establishing independent controls for these pharmaceutical products; (c) improving laboratory diagnostic facilities; (d) strengthening applied research activities; and (e) improving general technical services.

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II. The project

4. Under the supplementary assistance now approved, the project objectives remain sirilar to the initial objectives which were to: (a) increase the quantity and range of pharmaceutical products produced by the Government; (b) expand the production of reagents required by all health laboratories; (c) expand and modernize the laboratory facilities for the control of food, water and pharmaceutical products; and (d) develop applied research and provide training and specialization for the scientific and technical staff of this Institute. The supplementary new inputs are, however, expected to provide the consolidation of these as well as to assist the Government in decentralizing the facilities of the National Bacteriological Institute through the strengthening of regional laboratories and provide institutional strengthening as appropriate.

5. Under the supplementary assistance UNDP, through the Executing Agency, will extend the services of experts in the production and control of biological raw materials and provide consultants in specific areas, equipment and fellowships, until December 1981.

6. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
Experts and administrative suppor personnel	126.7	504 200	560	237 600	686.7	741 800
Training		102 500		48 000		150 500
Equipment		490 000		60 800		550 800
Miscellaneous		10 700		3 600		14 300
		1 107 400		350 000		1 457 400

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